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SUBJECT: ON THE FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS... CESSATION OF BULGARIAN
JAMMING OF VOA

REF: SOFIA 2556

1. AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MORNING OF
DEC 28 AND INFORMED BY FOURTH DEPT CHIEF GOTSEV, ON BEHALF OF
FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV, THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER
PROBLEM WITH VOA BROADCASTS. HE EXPLICITLY STATED THAT THE
BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT REPEAT NOT CONCEDE THAT IT HAD
BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR INTENTIONAL JAMMING, BUT THAT MLADENOV
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HAD TAKEN STEPS IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR MEETING ON DEC 22 TO
LOOK INTO THE SITUATION AND INSURE THAT THERE WAS NO
PROBLEM.

2. GOTSEV SAID THAT MLADENOV WISHED TO RECALL IN PARTICU-
LAR THE 1974 DISCUSSIONS LEADING UP TO CESSATION OF
BULGARIAN JAMMING OF VOA AT THAT TIME, WITH THE UNDER-

STANDING THEN REACHED THAT HYHA WOULD NOT INDULGE IN PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE TO THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. HE DID NOT SUGGEST THAT VOA HAD BEEN GUILTY OF THIS PRACTICE, BUT EVIDENTLY THEY FELT IT APPROPRIATE TO REAFFIRM THIS UNDERSTANDING WHEN UNBLOCKING TRANSMISSION AT THIS TIME.

3. GOTSEV ALSO REPEATED MLADENOV'S CRITICISM OF RFE, THIS TIME SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO RECENT KOSTOV BROADCASTS INCLUDING NEGATIVE STATEMENTS CONCERNING TODOR ZHIVKOV PERSONALLY. WHILE DISCLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR RFE EDITORIAL POLICY, AMBASSADOR INQUIRED WHETHER BULGARIAN JAMMING OF RFE WOULD END IF THERE WERE A MODIFICATION OF THE CONTENT OF BROADCASTS. GOTSEV REPLIED THAT HE COULD AT THIS POINT ONLY GIVE A PERSONAL VIEW, BUT HE THOUGHT THERE COULD BE SUCH A RESULT.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER HAD FOUND JAMMING STILL IN EFFECT ON DEC 27, BUT ABSENT ON DEC 28 FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE AWAIT WITH INTEREST REPORTS FROM COMPETENT TECHNICAL MONITORING STATIONS, BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CESSATION OF JAMMING HAS OCCURRED EFFECTIVE DEC 28.

5. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY OR USEFUL TO RAISE RECENT BULGARIAN JAMMING OF VOA AT THE RESUMED CSCE. WE NOTE THW ARTICLE
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BY LA TIMES CORRESPONDENT MURRAY SEEGER IN DEC 26 WASHINGTON POST REFERS BRIEFLY TO RECENT JAMMING. IF THERE ARE FUTURE PRESS INQUIRIES, OR INDEED INVOLUNTEERED STATEMENT, EMBASSY BELIEVES THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONFIRM RENEWED BULGARIAN JAMMING IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY CEASED AFTER THE MATTER WAS TAKEN UP BY THE EMBASSY.
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